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In Application of:)

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For: Blends of Esters With Isomerized)

Olefins and Other Hydrocarbons)

As Base Oils For Invert Emulsion)

Oil Muds)

Examiner: Philip C. Tucker

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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed October 26, 2004. An extension of time is not believed needed for this response. However, in the event that the Commissioner determines an extension to be needed, the Commissioner is requested to grant such extension and is authorized to charge the fee for same to undersigned's deposit account, 50-0807.

The Examiner has advised that Applicant used modifiers "Previously Amended" and "Previously Re-Presented" which are not one of the seven proper status identifiers required by the United States Patent and Trademark Office. Resubmission of the amendments to the claims section of Applicants response filed October 13, 2004 consequently must be corrected and resubmitted.

Accordingly, Applicants have revised the status modifiers for the claims to reflect only one of the seven approved and proper status identifiers. Please enter the following amendment.